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As discussed earlier, attached is the memo we received from [] of ER. I sent him copies of 4 documents, which I had forwarded to [] in May, that are in our system of previously released documents that mention Waldheim.

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From the Desk of []

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I have been asked to look into the Kurt Waldheim matter for Admiral Studeman in light of some recent proposed legislation which would amend FOIA to require disclosure of ALL information we have on Nazi War Criminals, the presence of that information in an operational file notwithstanding. OCA is trying to get the proposed bill reworked and you may have spoken to them already.

The bill is the larger issue. But I think we need to (once again) nail down what the agency knew about Kurt Waldheim, former UN Secretary General. Based on what I have been able to read so far, the Agency had nothing in its files at anytime or from anybody that would have clearly identified Waldheim as an intelligence officer in an a Waffen SS outfit operating in the Balkans. The closest we came (apparently) was the presence of three documents that identified three Germans named Kurt Waldheim with different DOBs, POBs, and memberships in different Nazi organizations. Similarly, a 28 April 1945 document passed to the Americans from the Brits that described a Kurt Waldheim listed him as an intelligence officer serving in the Balkans. Again, we never established a connection that between the several Kurt Waldheims and THE Kurt Waldheim.

Indeed, a MFR written on 9 March 1981 for Waldheim's classified 201 file states that the the Agency believed he was little more than an infantry lieutenant invalided out of the Wehrmacht after being shot up on the Eastern Front and who later became a lawyer and a diplomat.

Who Kurt Waldheim was is not the issue in this instance. The issue is what Agency knew about him. From what I have seen there is nothing to suggest that 1) Kurt Waldheim ever worked for the CIA or had a connection with the Agency, and 2) CIA ever had anything which would have led us to label Dr. Waldheim as an intelligence officer in the Balkans. Is this true, or am I missing something?

Please comment as soon as you can so I can bury this thing.

Thanks,
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